

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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COUPLES BANK ON LUCKY 7'S AS WINNING WEDDING NUMBER County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk Expects Huge Turn-Out for Wedding Ceremonies on 7-7-07

This Saturday, couples across San Diego County will be heading to the County's Kearny Mesa office to tie the knot on what is supposed to be the luckiest day of the year, 7-7-07.

Weddings take place every Saturday at the Kearny Mesa office located at 9225 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. To handle an anticipated increase in the number of wedding couples on 7-7-07, hours of operation have been expanded from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Last weekend, June 30, 95 licenses were issued by the County and 50 ceremonies were performed, all within a six-hour period which is a record breaker for the month of June," said Gregory Smith, County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk.

"The date 7-7-07 is a very popular date because the numbers are supposed to be lucky and many celebrities are getting married on this date. We've seen an increase in the number of calls we've received about getting married on that day," said Smith.

No blood tests or appointments are required. The cost is \$50 for the marriage license and \$50 for the ceremony. The entire process takes about 30 minutes. The County also offers videos, bumper stickers and commemorative pens for a small fee. **Media availability for interviews with Gregory Smith will be at 11 a.m.**

For more information, Monday-Friday, call (619) 531-5507 and on Saturday, call 858-505-6228 or visit http://www.sdarcc.com/arcc/services/marriage_civil.aspx.

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